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Lincoln Poetry

Poets

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[For The N. Y. Tribune.]

Toll the Solemn Bell!

TOLL! toll the solemn bell!
A great, good man is dead!
The nation loves him well,
And bitter tears are shed;
O'er all the land, from wave to wave,
Will millions mourn the untimely grave!

Toll! toll the solemn bell!
Enshroud the Flag in gloom!
Can words the anguish tell,
Or sunshine gild the Tomb?
O'er all the land, from sea to sea,
Weep! lovers of fair Liberty!

Toll! toll the solemn bell!
We gaze on his dead face;
We feel his funeral knell
A burning, deep disgrace.
O'er all the land, from gulf to lake,
Will slumbering Justice now awake!

Toll! toll the solemn bell!
We lay him sadly down!
God knew his virtues well,
And set the martyr-crown!
O'er all the land we weep to-day—
Yet Angels bore that soul away!

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